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August 2, 1984

TO: ALL REGISTRARS OF VOTERS/COUNTY CLERKS/PROPONENT (8416)
FROM: Deborah Seiler
DEBORAH SEILER
ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE
ELECTIONS AND POLITICAL REFORM

Pursuant to Elections Code 3520(b) you are hereby notified that the total number of signatures to the hereinafter named proposed INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT filed with all county clerks is less than 100 percent of the number of qualified voters required to find the petition sufficient; therefore, the petition has failed.

TITLE: FIREARMS.
INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

SUMMARY DATE: February 22, 1984

PROPONENT: Senator H.L. Richardson

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February 24, 1984

TO ALL REGISTRARS OF VOTERS, OR COUNTY CLERKS, AND PROPONENT

Pursuant to Section 3513 of the Elections Code, we transmit herewith a copy of the Title and Summary prepared by the Attorney General on a proposed Initiative Measure entitled:

**FIREARMS.
INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.**

Circulating and Filing Schedule

1. Minimum number of signatures required 630,136
Cal. Const., Art. II, Sec. 8(b).
2. Official Summary Date Friday, 2/24/84
Elec. C., Sec. 3513.
3. Petition Sections:
 - a. First day Proponent can circulate Sections for signatures . . Friday, 2/24/84
Elec. C., Sec. 3513.
 - b. Last day Proponent can circulate and file with the county.
All Sections are to be filed at the same time within each
county. Monday, 7/23/84⁺
Elec. C., Secs. 3513, 3520(a).
 - c. Last day for county to determine total number of signatures
affixed to petition and to transmit total to the Secretary of
State Monday, 7/30/84

(If the Proponent files the petition with the county on a date prior to 7/23/84, the county has five working days from the filing of the petition to determine the total number of signatures affixed to the petition and to transmit the total to the Secretary of State.) Elec. C., Sec. 3520(b).

- + **PLEASE NOTE:** To the Proponent who may wish to qualify for the 1984 General Election. The law allows up to approximately 58 days to county election officials for checking and reporting petition signatures and transmitting results. The law also requires that this process be completed 131 days before the election in which the people will vote on the initiative. It is possible that the county may not need precisely 58 days. But if you want to be sure that this initiative qualifies for the 1984 General Election, you should file this petition with the county before May 1, 1984.

d. Secretary of State determines whether the total number of signatures filed with all county clerks meets the minimum number of required signatures, and notifies the counties. Wednesday, 8/1/84**

e. Last day for county to determine total number of qualified voters who signed the petition, and to transmit certificate with a blank copy of the petition to the Secretary of State Thursday, 8/16/84

(If the Secretary of State notifies the county to determine the number of qualified voters who signed the petition on a date other than 7/30/84, the last day is not later than the fifteenth day after county's receipt of notification.)
Elec. C., Sec. 3520(d), (e).

f. If the signature count is more than 693,149 or less than 567,123, then the Secretary of State certifies the petition has qualified or failed, and notifies the counties. If the signature count is between 567,123 and 693,149 inclusive, then the Secretary of State notifies the counties using the random sampling technique to determine the validity of all signatures Saturday, 8/18/84**

g. Last day for county to determine actual number of all qualified voters who signed the petition, and to transmit certificate with a blank copy of the petition to the Secretary of State Monday, 9/17/84

(If the Secretary of State notifies the county to determine the number of qualified voters who have signed the petition on a date other than 8/16/84, the last day is not later than the thirtieth day after county's receipt of notification.)
Elec. C., Sec. 3521(b), (c).

h. Secretary of State certifies whether the petition has been signed by the number of qualified voters required to declare the petition sufficient. Wednesday, 9/19/84**

**Date varies based on receipt of county certification.

4. Campaign Statements:

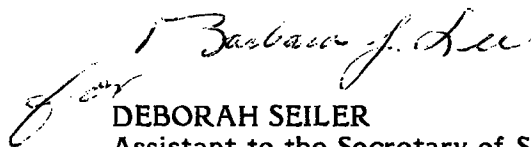
Last day for the Proponent to file a Campaign
Statement of Receipts and Expenditures for period
ending 8/20/84. Wednesday, 8/27/84

(If the Secretary of State finds that the measure has
either qualified or failed to qualify on a date earlier
than 7/23/84, the last date to file is the 35th calendar
day after the deadline for filing petitions or the date of
notification by the Secretary of State that the measure
has either qualified or failed to qualify, whichever is
earlier. The closing date for the campaign statement
is seven days prior to the filing deadline.)
Gov. C., Secs. 84200(d), 84202(j).

5. The Proponent of the above named measure is:

Senator H. L. Richardson
State Capitol, Room 3063
Sacramento, CA 95814
(916) 445-3688

Sincerely,



DEBORAH SEILER
Assistant to the Secretary of State
Elections and Political Reform

NOTE TO PROPONENT: Your attention is directed to Elections Code
Sections 41, 44, 3501, 3507, 3508, 3516, 3517, and 3519 for appropriate
format and type considerations in printing, typing, and otherwise preparing
your initiative petition for circulation and signatures. Your attention is
further directed to the campaign disclosure requirements of the Political
Reform Act of 1974, Government Code Section 81000 et seq.

JOHN K. VAN DE KAMP
Attorney General

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State of California
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE



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February 24, 1984

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In the office of the Secretary of State
of the State of California

FEB 24 1984

MARCH FONG EU, Secretary of State

By Barbara J. Lee
Deputy

Honorable March Fong Eu
Secretary of State
1230 J Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Mrs. Eu:

Re: Initiative Title and Summary.
Our File No. SA84RF0002

Pursuant to the provisions of section 3503 and 3513 of the Elections code, you are hereby notified that on this day we mailed to the proponent(s) of the above identified proposed initiative our title and summary.

Enclosed is a copy of our transmittal letter to the proponent(s), a copy of our title and summary, a declaration of mailing thereof, and a copy of the proposed measure.

According to information available in our records, the name(s) and address(es) of the proponent(s) is as stated on the declaration of mailing.

Very truly yours,

JOHN K. VAN DE KAMP
Attorney General

Robert Burton
Robert Burton
Deputy Attorney General

Enclosure

(RF-10, 6/83)

Date: February 24, 1984
File No.: SA84RF0002

The Attorney General of California has prepared the following title and summary of the chief purpose and points of the proposed measure:

FIREARMS. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Adds a section to the state constitution stating that every person has the right to acquire, own, possess, use, keep and bear firearms except as restricted by the statutes of this state in effect on the date of the adoption of this section, and provides that this right shall not be infringed. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: This measure would have no identifiable state or local fiscal impact.

JOHN K. VAN DE KAMP
Attorney General

State of California
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE



1515 K STREET, SUITE 511
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March 15, 1984

Honorable March Fong Eu
Secretary of State
1230 J Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Mrs. Eu:

Re: Initiative Title and Summary.
Our File No.: SA84RF0002

By our letter dated February 24, 1984, we transmitted to you our title and summary for the above identified proposed initiative.

Through inadvertence, the copy of the proposed measure we attached to that letter was only the proponent's original submission of the proposed measure, dated January 30, 1984. We failed to also attach the proponent's clarifying amendment dated February 16, 1984. A copy of this amendment is enclosed for your information and file.

The only change made by this February 16, 1984 amendment is the addition of the article and section number of the California Constitution for this proposal. In our view, this is not a substantive but only a clarifying change. Please correct your records accordingly.

Very truly yours,

JOHN K. VAN DE KAMP
Attorney General

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert Burton", is written over the typed name.

Robert Burton
Deputy Attorney General

RB:mb

Enclosure

cc: Senator H. L. Richardson



THE CITIZENS' SAFETY ACT

Every person has the right to acquire, own, possess, use, keep and bear firearms; except as restricted by the statutes of this state in effect on the date of the adoption of this section. This right shall not be infringed.

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H. L. RICHARDSON
STATE SENATOR
TWENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT

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January 30, 1984

Honorable John Van de Kamp
Attorney General
1515 K Street
Sacramento, CA. 95814

Dear Mr. Van de Kamp:

I am a registered voter in Los Angeles County. My registered address is 404 West Gladstone, Glendora, California. I am submitting to your office for Title & Summary "The Citizens' Safety Act" a constitutional amendment. A copy of the wording is enclosed.

The preamble to this initiative is as follows:

1. The people of the State of California recognize that an informed and active citizenry has an important role in crime prevention and protection. In guaranteeing the right of all law-abiding California citizens to own, possess, use, keep and bear firearms, the people of the State of California acknowledge the legitimate use of firearms in protecting homes, businesses, and families as a fundamental right of all citizens, and recognize that this legitimate use adds to the primary protection against the commission of crime.
2. The people of the State of California recognize that the protections of the 2nd Amendment of the United States Constitution need to be augmented by state action. As a result, California should join the 39 states that now have state constitutional provisions protecting, in one form or another, the right to own, possess, use, keep, and bear arms.

Honorable John Van de Kamp

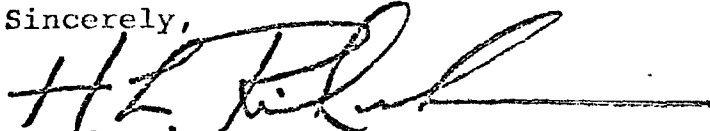
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January 30, 1984

3. The people of the State of California recognize that the provisions of law in effect in California regarding the right to own, use, and possess firearms are both reasonable and necessary restrictions which should continue and will not be affected by the provisions of this constitutional initiative. The people of the State of California also recognize that the criminal misuse of firearms should be swiftly and severely punished, and that principles of good government require that any penalties and fines for such misuse and the right to change these penalties and fines are unaffected by this constitutional initiative.

Also enclosed is a cashier's check in the amount of \$200 for your filing fee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'H. L. Richardson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

H. L. RICHARDSON

HLR:dc

Enclosures

JOHN K. VAN DE KAMP
Attorney General

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February 24, 1984

Senator H. L. Richardson
State Capitol
Room 3063
Sacramento, California 95814

Re: Initiative Title and Summary.
Subject: Firearms
Our File No. SA84RF0002

Pursuant to your request, we have prepared the attached title and summary of the chief purposes and points of the above identified proposed initiative. A copy of our letter to the Secretary of State, as required by Elections Code sections 3503 and 3513, our declaration of mailing, and the text of your proposal that was considered is attached.

The Secretary of State will be sending you shortly a copy of the circulating and filing schedule for your proposal that will be issued by that office.

Please send us a copy of the petition after you have it printed. This copy is not for our review or approval, but to supplement our file in this matter.

Very truly yours,

JOHN K. VAN DE KAMP
Attorney General

Robert Burton
Robert Burton
Deputy Attorney General

Attachment

DECLARATION OF MAILING

The undersigned Declarant, states as follows:

I am over the age of 18 years and not a proponent of the within matter; my place of employment and business address is 1515 K Street, Suite 511, Sacramento, California 95814.

On the date shown below, I mailed a copy or copies of the attached letter to the proponents, by placing a true copy thereof in an envelope addressed to the proponents named below at the addresses indicated, and by sealing and depositing said envelope or envelopes in the United States mail at Sacramento, California, with postage prepaid. There is delivery service by United States mail at each of the places so addressed, or there is regular communication by mail between the place of mailing and each of the places so addressed.

Date of Mailing: February 24, 1984

Subject: FIREARMS

Our File No.: SA84RF0002

Name of Proponent(s) and Address(es):

SENATOR H. L. RICHARDSON
State Capitol
Room 3063
Sacramento, California 95814

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed at Sacramento, California on February 24, 1984.


MARSHA L. BIERER
Declarant

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February 16, 1984

Honorable John K. Van de Kamp
Attorney General
State of California
1515 K Street, Suite 511
Sacramento, CA. 95814

Attn: Mr. N. Eugene Hill, Asst. Attorney General

RE: Initiative title and summary
Subject: Firearms
Your File No. SA84RF0002

Dear Mr. Van de Kamp:

Below is the entire text for my "right to keep and bear" firearms proposed constitutional amendment filed with you on January 30, 1984.

ARTICLE 1

SECTION 29. Every person has the right to acquire, own, possess, use, keep and bear firearms; except as restricted by the statutes of this state in effect on the date of the adoption of this section. This right shall not be infringed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "H. L. Richardson", written over a horizontal line.

H. L. RICHARDSON

Barbara Lee 351

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SECRETARY OF STATE

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For Immediate Release
February 27, 1984

Contact: Caren Daniels

FIREARMS INITIATIVE CLEARED FOR CIRCULATION, REPORTS EU

SACRAMENTO -- Secretary of State March Fong Eu announced today (Feb. 27) that State Senator H. L. Richardson has been given the go-ahead to begin gathering signatures in an effort to qualify a measure designed to protect the right of citizens to own firearms.

"Firearms" is an initiative constitutional amendment which requires 630,136 signatures of registered voters to qualify for a spot on the ballot. The legal 150-day deadline for submission of signatures is July 23; however, in order for the measure to be placed on the Nov. 5 general election ballot, all signatures should be submitted by May 1 to allow sufficient time for full signature verification prior to the June 28 measure qualification deadline.

If adopted by the voters, this measure would add a section to the constitution to guarantee "the right of all law-abiding California citizens to own, possess, use, keep and bear firearms...." Existing statutes placing restrictions on the right to own, use, and possess firearms would not be affected the the provisions of this amendment.

Senator Richardson, R-Arcadia, can be reached in his Sacramento office at (916) 445-3688.

A copy of the initiative, its title and summary and circulation calendar is attached.

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